Over the next three years dozens of tax collectors were beaten, shot at, tarred and feathered, and otherwise terrorized, intimidated, and humiliated. In October President George Washington dispatched 15,000 troops to quell the resistance. The Whiskey Rebellion also occupies a distinguished place in American jurisprudence. Serving as the backdrop to the first treason trials in the United States. Despite the name, our celebration is alcohol-free, which makes it a wonderful family-friendly festival.
How did the Berlin Whiskey Rebellion get its name? In 1794 thousands of farmers in western Pennsylvania took up arms in opposition to the enforcement of a federal law calling for the imposition of an excise tax on distilled spirits. Known as the “Whiskey Rebellion” a number of the whiskey rebels were prosecuted for treason in what were the first such legal proceedings in the United States. Two men from this area were arrested. Robert Philson of Berlin and Harmon Husband of Somerset. Robert Philson was pardoned and returned home. Congress established the excise tax in 1791 to help reduce the $54 million national debt. The tax was loathed across the country. For a small group of farmers west of the Allegheny Mountains, the federal excise tax was singularly detestable. Distilled spirits were the most commonly traded commodity. Whiskey, especially Monongahela Rye, was as valuable as gold. The rebellion began in October of 1791.

**Saturday, September 22, 2012**

- **9am-10am** Antique & Classic Car Show
  Registration - Berlin Community Building Parking Lot

- **11am-4pm** Historical Demonstrations, Craft Vendors, Food Vendors Both Days
  Historical & Heritage House Open

- **10am-2pm** Antique & Classic Car Show
  Berlin Community Building Parking Lot

- **10am-2pm** Shane and the Rockolas - (Intermittent Shows)
  Berlin Community Parking Lot

- **11am-1pm** Gashouse Annie Country/ Bluegrass
  Opened for numerous country artists

- **2pm-3pm** Parade

- **3pm-4pm** Calvary Cross Band

- **3:30pm-?** Ham and Green Bean Dinner - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

- **4pm-5:30pm** Christian Rock Band

**Kids Crafts & Activities Both Days!!**

**Mini Train Rides**

* fee charged
(schedule subject to change)

**Sunday, September 23, 2012**

- **12noon-5pm** Historical Demonstration, Craft Vendors, Food Vendors Both Days
  Historical & Heritage House Open

- **12:30pm** Church Revival
  Apostles Creed - Band

- **2pm** Auction - Auctioneer Gary Miller

- **3pm-4pm** Calvary Cross Band

- **2pm-4pm** Clowns

All venues held on Borough Lot unless otherwise indicated.

Food and Craft vendors both days along with Re-enactors.